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37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement

Applicant: Stephen Norton

For SMART CARD SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD WITH  
ALTERNATE PLACEMENT OF CONTACT MODULE

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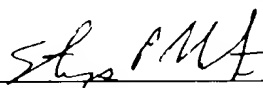
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